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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTERESTS DURING THIRD PREPCOM

1. LISTED BELOW ARE NAMES OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF PLANNING TO BE IN ROME OR ATTEND THIRD PREPCOM DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS. AS REPORTED SEPTELS CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ATTENDING PREPCOM WILL INCLUDE TOM SAYLOR, SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE; ALAN STONE, SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NUTRITION AND J.B. CORDARO, CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT.

2. SAYLOR'S INTERESTS KNOWN TO DELEGATION. HAS ATTENDED PREVIOUS PREPCOMS AND IS INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING PROGRESS PREPCOM AND WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN GENERAL. SAYLOR INFORMED THAT HE IS NOT LISTED AS OFFICIAL MEMBER OF DELEGATION. PLANS ATTEND FULL PREPCOM MEETING UNLESS
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CALLED BACK TO WASHINGTON SHOULD TRADE BILL COME UP IN

CONGRESS.

3. AS MEMBER SENATE NUTRITION COMMITTEE, STONE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FOOD QUALITY ISSUES AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION. STONE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND SELECTED FAO OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NUTRITION ACTIVITIES. WILL ALSO EXPECT TO ATTEND PREPCOM SESSIONS.

4. CORDARO, SENIOR FOOD NUTRITION ECONOMIST FOR NEW CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT, HAS SPECIFIC CONCERNS RE: ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND PARTICULAR INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS. CORDARO PLANS STAY DURATION OF PREPCOM AND REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE RE: APPOINTMENTS WITH RAYMOND AUBRAC, DIRECTOR, FAO OFFICE OF GENERAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION AND MRS. A. BINDER, ECONOMIST, FAO FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM DIVISION. UNDERSTAND CORDARO ALSO ANXIOUS TO TALK TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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